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WELFARE OF FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of farmers in Orissa living below the poverty line;

(b) the details of the schemes implemented by the Government for the welfare of farmers in the country particularly in Orissa;

(c) the details of the funds provided by the Union Government to states for implementation of such schemes during each of the last three years, State-wise, scheme-wise; and

(d) the number of the farmers benefited by those schemes in various States during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): The Planning Commission estimates the population living below poverty line at national and state level from the large sample surveys on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation(NSSO) at an interval of appropriately five years. As per latest such survey conducted in 1999-2000 (NSS 55th round), the number of people living below the poverty line in Orissa is 169.09 lakhs of which 143.69 lakhs live in rural areas and 25.40 lakhs live in urban areas of the State.

(b) to (d): The information will be laid on the Table of the House.